

Archaeological Sites

Ban Kut Kho Moei and Ban Kut Kwang Soi are the sites where articles, utensils, and ancient and art objects were excavated. The pottery here is similar to that of Ban Chiang. Routes to the two sites are as follows.

- 1. Ban Kut Kho Moei Archaeological Site is located in Tambon Kut Du, Amphoe Non Sang on the Nong Bua Lam Phu - Non Sang route, Highway 2146. It is around 36 km from the town of Nong Bua Lam Phu to Ban Nong Waeng, and turn left for another 5 km. Alternatively, the site is accessible by bus on the Nong Bua Lam Phu - Non Sang route.
- 2. Ban Kut Kwang Soi Archaeological Site is on the same route to the former one, but turn right after Ban Nong Waeng for another 7 km.

#### Phu Kao - Phu Phan Kham National Park

Phu Kao - Phu Phan Kham National Park features the range of mountains stretching from north to south and separating Nong Bua Lam Phu province from Khon Kaen province. Phu Phan Kham is a mountainous line to the east of the Phong River, overlooking beautiful scenery of the lake of the Ubol Ratana Dam.

The rear of the dam serves as a breeding site of fish and a famous fishing venue. Phu Kao is a complex mountain with an abundance of forests and wildlife. There are caves, waterfalls, numerous rocky grounds, and rocks in striking shapes with rock paintings of prehistorical humans' palms. Other places of interest include Wat Phra Phutthabat Phu Kao, human footprints, and traces of large dog paws relating to a folk tale 'Phra Suphromwimokkha and the nine - tailed dog.'

To get there: Take Highway 2146 to the Ban Sok Cha T-junction and turn left to follow the Ban Sok Chan - Ubol Ratana Dam route toward the park's headquarters. The total distance is around 54 km. Alternatively, it is accessible by bus on the Si Bun Rueang Ubol Ratana Dam route.

#### Hat Non Yao



Hat Non Yao is a sandy beach in the area of the Ubol Ratana

Dam in Amphoe Non Sang. It is around 5 km to the south of the town of Non Sang. Food and drinks are available. The best time for a visit is during February - May.

# **Attractions Amphoe Suwannakhuha**



### Tham Suwannakhuha

Tham Suwannakhuha is a cave located in Wat Tham Suwannakhuha in Ban Khuha

Phatthana Mu 7, Tambon Na Di. Inside are ancient objects and a stucco Buddha image seated in meditation built in the reign of King Chaiyachetthathirat of Vientiane.

To get there: Take Highway 210 (Nong Bua Lam Phu - Wang Saphung route) and turn right to follow Highway 2097 toward Amphoe Suwannakhuha. From Amphoe Suwannakhuha, follow Phra Chaiyachettha Road for around 1 km and turn right at the Ban Dong Yang Na Ta Laeo School for another 4 km.

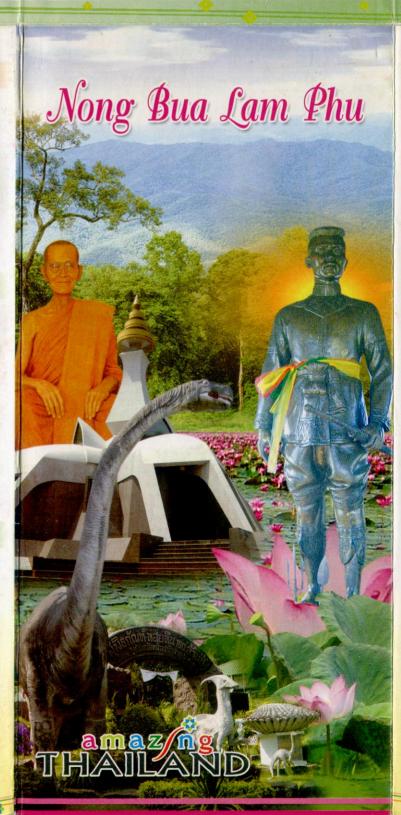
# Phu Pha Ya Archaeological Site

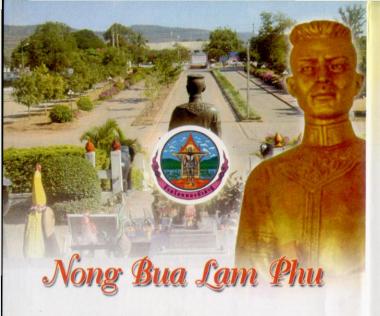


Phu Pha Ya Archaeological Site is located to the north of Ban Na Charoen, Tambon Dong Mafai. It is a limestone mountain separated from the Phu Phan Range, There are many pre-historical cave paintings, including figures of humans and animals, and geometric patterns. Presumably,

such paintings are dated back to 2,000 - 3,000 years, nearly of the same age as those at the Phu Phrabat Historical Park in Udon Thani. They also have similarity to the ones at Pha Lai in Kwangsi Province in China.

To get there: Follow the same route to Amphoe Suwannakhuha and take a local bus on the Amphoe Suwannakhuha - Ban Na Charoen route. A further trip can be made to the Phu Phrabat Historical Park in Amphoe Ban Phue, Udon Thani, which is on the same route.





Slogan:

Shrine of King Naresuan the Great,

Phu Kao - Phu Phan Kham National Park,

Luangpu Khao's Land of Pharma,

Wonderful Erawan Cave,

and City of Khueankhan Kapkaeobuaban

Nong Bua Lam Phu is an ancient city with a long history of no less than 900 years old. Initially,it was a territory under the Kingdom of Si Sattanakhanahut (Vientiane), and called 'Mueang Nong Bua Lam Phu Nakhon Khueankhan Kapkaeobuaban.'

In 1574, King Thammarachathirat and King Naresuan the Great led troops to attack the City of Lan Chang. King Naresuan had his troops stay by a lotus pond for a while before having smallpox which forced him to retreat. Therefore, the place is of historic importance.

In 1767, under the reign of King Thon Buri, Phrawo Phrata the chief nobleman and some soldiers escaped from King Siribunsan of Vientiane to establish his own secure camp at the City of Nong Bua Lam Phu, called **'Khai Phrawo Phrata'** or Phrawo Phrata Camp, of

which a stone wall has been left on the Phu Phan Mountain nowadays. Then, the camp was invaded by the troops from Vientiane, which made the city deserted for a while. During the reign of King Rama III of the Rattanakosin era, Phra Pathumthewaphiban, the ruler of the City of Nong Khai, appointed Phra Witchayodom Kamutthakhet to rebuild the City of Khueankhan Kapkaeobuaban, and it was renamed 'Kamutthasaiburiram,' as well as established as a chief city.

In 1906, Phra Witchayodom Kamutthakhet passed away. King Rama V appointed Phra Wichankamutthakit to rule the city which was renamed 'Nong Bua Lam Phu.' In 1907, the city was officially given the status of district and called 'Amphoe Nong Bua Lam Phu.'

Due to the government's policy on decentralisation for the benefits of administration, state services, public facilitation, local growth promotion, and national security, it was considered that Udon Thani province had a vast area with a large number of population. Thus, the province's five districts; namely, Nong Bua Lam Phu, Na Klang, Non Sang, Si Bun Rueang, and Suwannakhuha, should be separated from Udon Thani's administration. The province of Nong Bua Lam Phu was, therefore, established and it was published in the Government Gazette, Vol. 110, Part 125, Special Issue, on 2 September 1993, effective from 1 December 1993 onwards. This was a great joy for the people of Nong Bua Lam Phu.

Nong Bua Lam Phu is the 76<sup>th</sup> province of Thailand, located on the plateau in the Northeast. It borders Udon Thani province to the north and the east, Khon Kaen province to the South, and Loei province to the west, and has an area of approximately 3,859.626 sq km.

Geographically, there are plateau areas interspersed with lines of mountains to the east. Mountains and forests cover the areas from Amphoe Suwannakhuha to Amphoe Mueang Nong Bua Lam Phu and the Phu Phan Range in Amphoe Non Sang bordering Khon Kaen province. All the areas feature a plateau which slopes down to Amphoe Na Klang and Amphoe Si Bun Rueang. These two districts are on a basin suitable for rice farming.

Nong Bua Lam Phu has been divided into six administrative districts: Amphoe Nong Bua Lam Phu, Amphoe Non Sang (42 km), Amphoe Si Bun Rueang (33 km.), Amphoe Na Klang (35 km.), Amphoe Suwannakhuha, (65 km.) and Amphoe Na Wang (43 km).

# Attractions Amphoe Mueang Nong Bua Lam Phu



# Wat Tham Klong Phen

Wat Tham Klong Phen is a famous forest temple. The atmosphere here is shady and peaceful. In the cave, there is an ancient double-headed

drum and Phra Phuttha Banthonnimit, the walking Buddha image carved in stone. The temple is where Luangpu Khao Analayo, a revered Buddhist monk and follower of Luangpu Man Phurithattathera, practised meditation until his death in 1983. Presently, there is a museum where the eight requisites and the wax sculpture of Luangpu Khao have been kept to be worshipped by Buddhists. The temple is located in Amphoe Mueang Nong Bua Lam Phu on Highway 210 (Nong Bua Lam Phu - Udon Thani). It is around 13 km from the town of Nong Bua Lam Phu toward Udon Thani, and turn right for another 2 km. Alternatively, the temple can be reached by bus on the Nong Bua Lam Phu - Udon Thani route.



# King Naresuan the Great Monument and Shrine

King Naresuan the Great Monument and Shrine were built as a memorial to the king. He marched an army to Nong Bua Lam Phu in 1574 when the Kingdom of Ayutthaya was

a dependency of the Kingdom of Pegu, and the army was on the way to help the king of Pegu attack the Kingdom of Si Sattanakhanahut (Vientiane). However, King Naresuan had smallpox and, thus, was forced to return to the capital of Ayutthaya. The monument and shrine stand in the Nong Bua Public Park in front of the Mueang Nong Bua Lam Phu District Office. An annual celebratory fair and a ceremony to pay respect to and worship the spirit of the late king are held on 25 January of every year.





#### Namtok Thao To Forest Park

Namtok Thao To Forest Park is located on the Nong Bua Lam Phu - Udon Thani Road or Highway 210. It is around 3 km from the town of Nong Bua Lam Phu. This recreational place is shady with trees

of various species, and dotted with boulders having striking shapes. The 'Pu Lup' Spirit Shrine in the nearby area is a place which gains faith and worship of the people of Nong Bua Lam Phu and from travellers.



# Handicraft Centre of Ban Khong Sawan Pottery

Handicraft Centre of Ban Khong Sawan Pottery is around 17 km from

the town of Nong Bua Lam Phu toward Udon Thani on Highway 210. This pottery-making village comprises migrants from Ban Wang Thua in Amphoe Nam Phong, Khon Kaen province. The making process is traditional art and craftsmanship.



#### Phu Hin Lat Cho Fa

Phu Hin Lat Cho Fa is located on the Phu Phan Kham Range in Ban Phu Phan Kham, Tambon Non Than. There is a boulder which looks like 'Cho Fa,'

a temple's gable finial. A cave hole was used as a dwelling for students who participated in the development of the Thai nation in 1976. There are many stone shelters recording history, such as Thap Banthoeng, Thap Sam Sip Song Ang, Thap Tham, etc. Other interesting places include Lan Ta, Mak Hot, Sam Nok Yung, and the rocky ground in the middle of the hill.

Another attraction is the Phu Sang Stupa in Ban Huai Duea, Tambon Non Than, where cremated bones of those who participated in the development

of the Thai nation have been contained. Phu Hin Lat Cho Fa is around 14 km from the town of Nong Bua Lam Phu toward Udon Thani on Highway 210. Take a left turn at the trade ground of the Ban Huai Duea Community for another 10 km.







# One Hundred and Fifty-millionyear Shell Cemetery

One Hundred and Fifty-million-year Shell Cemetery features a mountain having a cliff face of around 50 m high. A great number of ancient shells of the Jurassic Age dated back around 140-150 million years have been found here in complete

condition. There are both small and large shells with a beautiful surface; some of them weigh half a kilo. Also found in the nearby area are ancient

crocodile bones, pieces of mica, and some minerals.

To get there: Take Highway 210 (Nong Bua Lam Phu-Udon Thani) to Ban Huai Duea in Tambon Non Than, Amphoe Mueang Nong Bua Lam Phu, for around 10 km. Then, turn left for approximately another 500 m. Alternatively, the shell cemetery can be reached by bus on the Nong Bua Lam Phu - Udon Thani route.



## Phrawo Phrata Shrine

Phrawo Phrata Shrine (City Pillar Shrine) was built to show gratitude to Phrawo Phrata the chief nobleman of Vientiane, who asked for the royal protection of the Thai king, and founder of the City of Nong Bua Lam Phu.

In addition, the structure serves as

the City Pillar Shrine of which the auspicious foundation stone-laying ceremony was held on 21 November, 1975.

To get there: Take Highway 210 (Nong Bua Lam Phu - Udon Thani). Turn right at the Talat Intersection for another 100 m before reaching the shrine.



# Luangpu Lot's Pamothita Chedi Museum

Luangpu Lot's Pamothita Chedi Museum is the place where the Lord

Buddha's relics brought from Nepal are enshrined. Luangpu Lot presided over the ceremony to contain the relics in Pamothita Chedi. The museum is open daily from 9.00 a.m. - 4.00 p.m. The public is allowed to pay respect to the relics only on important Buddhist days.

To get there: Take Highway 2146 (Amphoe Mueang Nong Bua Lam Phu - Amphoe Non Sang) for 7 km and turn right for another 200 m before reaching the museum.



# Wat Si Khun Mueang

Wat Si Khun Mueang is located on Worarat Road, Tambon Lam Phu. Initially, the temple was called 'Wat Khon Chum Nam Ok Bo.' It is an ancient temple in the ancient Khmer and Lawa styles of art, of which boundary stones remain as historical

evidence. There is an ancient Ubosot (ordination hall) and an important Buddha image called 'Luangpho Phra Chaiyachettha.'









#### **Events and Festivals**

1. King Naresuan the Great and Nong Bua Lam Phu Red Cross Fair During 25 January - 3 February, on the King Naresuan the Great Ground in Amphoe Mueang Nong Bua Lam Phu.

#### 2. Giant Grilled Rice Merit-making Fair

During the thirteenth day of the waxing moon to the full moon day in the third lunar month (February) at Wat Tham Suwannakhuha, Ban Khuha Phatthana, in Amphoe Suwannakhuha.

#### 3. Tham Erawan Homage-paying Fair

During 12 - 15 April, at Tham Erawan in Amphoe Na Wang.

#### 4. Hat Non Yao Songkran Festival

During 12 - 15 April, at Hat Non Yao in Amphoe Non Sang.

**5.** Chaopu Lup and Phrawo Phrata Spirit Shrines Worship Fair On the first Wednesday and Thursday in the sixth lunar month (May) at the Chaopu Lup and Phrawo Phrata Shrines in Amphoe Mueang Nong Bua Lam Phu.

#### 6. Bun Bang Fai Lan Merit-making Fair

On the full moon day in the sixth lunar month (May) on the front ground of the Si Bun Rueang District Office in Amphoe Si Bun Rueang.

#### 7. Banana Fair

During 25 - 27 August, in Ban Suan Sawan, Tambon Wang Thong. Amphoe Na Wang.

#### 8. Visit Fossilised Shells and Longan-eating Festival

Around August of every year at the trade area of the Ban Huai Duea Community in Amphoe Mueang Nong Bua Lam Phu.

#### 9. Namtok Thao To Festival

During 14 - 15 September, at the Namtok Thao To Forest Park in Amphoe Mueang Nong Bua Lam Phu.

#### **Government Offices**

1. City Hall (New)	Tel. 0 4231 2915-6	
2. Nong Bua Lam Phu Hospital	Tel. 0 4231 2409	
3. Bus Terminal	Tel. 0 4231 2390	
4. Provincial Police Station	Tel. 0 4231 1054	
5. Mueang Nong Bua Lam Phu District	Tel. 0 4231 1072	
Office		
6. Post Office	Tel. 0 4231 2374,	
	0 4231 2618	
7. Nong Bua Lam Phu Municipality Office Tel. 0 4231 2500-1		

8. Nong Bua Lam Phu Tourism, Sports	Tel. 0 4231 2890
and Recreational Centre	
9. Provincial Administration Office	Tel. 0 4294 3201
10. Provincial Public Relations	Tel. 0 4231 2043
11. Provincial Cultural Office	Tel. 0 4231 2354
12. Provincial Administration Organisation	Tel. 0 4231 2995
13. Na Klang Hospital	Tel. 0 4235 9035
14. Si Bun Rueang Hospital	Tel. 0 4235 1036
15. Tourist Police	Tel. 1155

#### Accommodation

- Kinnari Resort 274 Nong Bua Lam Phu Udon Thani Road,
   11 rooms (air-conditioned): 350 Baht.
   Tel. 0 4236 0091
- 2. VIP Inn Ban Wang Muen, Nong Bua Lam Phu Si Bun Rueang Road, 30 rooms (air-conditioned): 240-1,200 Baht.

Tel. 0 4236 1122

Natthaphong Grand 339 Tambon Lam Phu, Nong Bua Lam Phu
 Udon Thani Road, 80 rooms (air-conditioned): 700 Baht.

Tel. 0 4236 1177

Tel. 0 4235 9136

- 4. Chai Thung Resort 59 Mu 1, Tambon Pho Chai, Amphoe Mueang, 7 rooms.
  Tel. 08 1965 8559
- Dara Resort 59 Mu 6, Tambon Na Klang, Amphoe Na Klang,
   Tel. 0 4235 9532
- Phoem Phun Resort 89 Mu 12, Tambon Dan Chang, Amphoe Na Klang.
   Tel. 0 4235 9231
- 7. Ban Nam King 185 Mu 12, Tambon Dan Chang, Amphoe Na Klang, Tel. 0 4235 9232
- 8. Phitsamai Resort 347 Mu 12, Tambon Dan Chang, Amphoe Na Klang, Tel. 0 4236 4381
- 9. Wang In Resort 69/2 Mu 14, Tambon Nong Bua Lam Phu, Amphoe Mueang Nong Bua Lam Phu, Tel. 0 4236 1014
- 10. Sakae Thong Resort 75 Mu 11, Tambon Na Klang, Amphoe Na Klang,
  Tel. 0 4235 9057
- 11. Nu Kit Resort 209 Mu 4, Tambon Dan Chang, Amphoe Na Klang,

#### Restaurants/Food shops

- Hong Ahan Pan Bua 31 Damrong Burana Road, Tel. 0 4231 1704.
- Khrua Tong Ta 388 Woraratchaphak Road, Tel. 0 4231 1286.
- 3. Suan Ahan Kinnari 274 Nong Bua Lam Phu Udon Thani Road, Tel. 0 4231 1537.
- 4. Suan Ahan Thippharot 80 Naresuan Road, Tel. 0 4231 1372.
- 5. Suan Ahan Carrot 95 Ban Hat Sawan, Tel. 0 4231 1949.
- Chit Phochana 102 Tambon Kut Din Chi, Amphoe Na Klang, Tel. 0 4235 7027.

#### Travel Agent/Car for Rent

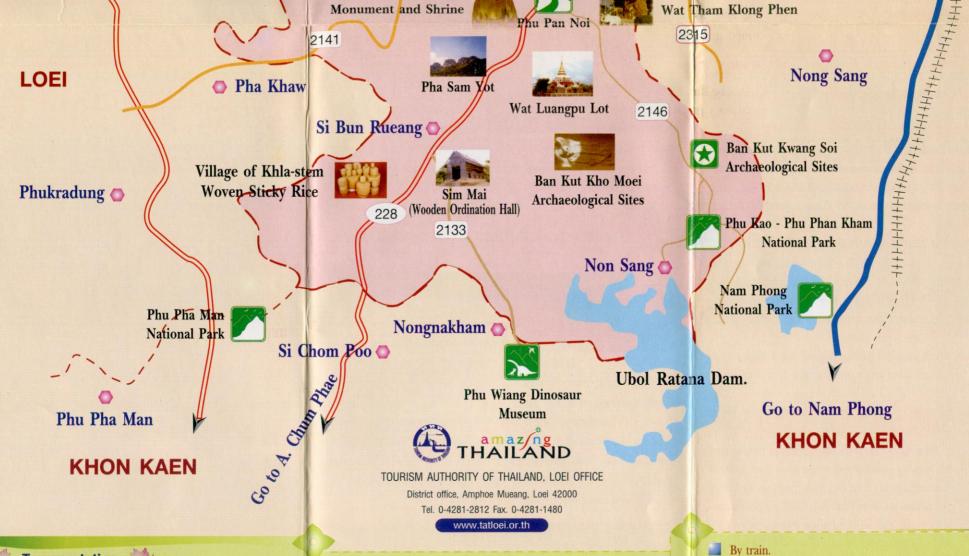
Wang Thong Tour:

136 Mu 5, Ban Thai - Niyom, Udon Thani - Loei Road, Tambon Wang Thong, Amphoe Na Wang, Tel. 0 4236 3213.

# Major Attractions Distances from Amphoe Mueang Nong Bua Lam Phu

1. Ban Khong Sawan Pottery	17 km
2. Wat Tham Klong Phen	15 km
3. Namtok Thao To Forest Park	3 km
4. King Naresuan the Great Monument and Shrine	In town
5. Tham Erawan	47 km
6. Ban Kut Kho Moei and Ban Kut Kwang Soi	
Archaeological Sites	41 km
7. Phu Kao - Phu Phan Kham National Park	54 km
8. One Hundred and Fifty-million-year Shell Cemetery	8 km
9. Tham Suwannakhuha	68 km
10. Phu Pha Ya	65 km
11. Raft at Huai Pha Wang Reservoir	45 km





# **Transportation**

By car: There are several routes to take as follows.

From Bangkok, follow Highway 1 (Phahon Yothin Road) to Saraburi and, at Km 107, switch to Highway 2 (Mittraphap Road). Drive past Nakhon Ratchasima, Khon Kaen, Udon Thani, and then turn left to Highway 210. Go on past Nong Wua So district in Udon Thani and head for Nong Bua Lam Phu. The total distance is 608 km. For a shorter distance, turn left, after arriving in Khon Kaen, to Highway 2109 (Amphoe Nam Phong - Ubol Ratana Dam) and drive past Non Sang district toward Nong Bua Lam Phu. The total distance is 559 km.

Alternatively, turn left, after passing Nakhon Ratchasima, to Highway 228 and go on past Phu Khiao, Chum Phae, and Si Bun Rueang districts, and toward Nong Bua Lam Phu. The total distance is 584 km.

- By bus.
- O Air conditioned and non air conditioned bus services are available from Bangkok to Nong Bua Lam Phu via Chaiyaphum, Chum Phae, Si Chomphu, and Si Bun Rueang.
- O Air conditioned and non air conditioned bus services are available from Bangkok to Nong Bua Lam Phu and Si Chiang Mai.
- O Air conditioned and non air conditioned bus services are available from Bangkok directly to Nong Bua Lam Phu.
- O A non air- conditioned bus service is available from Nong Bua Lam Phu to Loei from 6.00 a.m. - 7.30 p.m.
- O A bus service from Nong Bua Lam Phu to Bangkok departs at 7.30 p.m.
- Chum Phae Tour Company Limited, Tel. 0 4231 1051.
- O A non air conditioned bus service departs from Nong Bua Lam Phu for Chiang Mai from 8.20 a.m. - 5.45 p.m.
- An air conditioned bus service departing from Nong Bua Lam Phu for Chiang Mai at 9.20 p.m. is operated by 2 companies
- Nong Bua Lam Phu Doen Rot Company Limited, Tel. 0 4231 1057, 0 4231 1051.
- Chakkraphong Tour Company Limited, Tel. 0 4222 1121, 0 4224 7787.

The State Railway of Thailand (SRT) offers express and rapid train services, departing from the Bangkok Railway Station (Hua Lamphong) every day. The trains ply between Bangkok and Udon Thani. Then, a bus service is available from Udon Thani to Nong Bua Lam Phu. For more information, contact the Travel Service Unit of the SRT at Tel. 1690, 0 2223 7010, 0 2223 7020, or visit the website: www.railway.co.th.

#### By plane.

Take a flight to Udon Thani. Then, use a bus service from Udon Thani to Nong Bua Lam Phu.

A mini - bus service is available in Nong Bua Lam Phu township. A bus service is operated from town to every other district.

# **Attractions Amphoe Si Bun Rueang**



Sim Mai (Wooden Ordination Hall), Wat Charoen Song Tham

Sim Mai (Wooden Ordination Hall), Wat Charoen Song Tham This is the

only wooden ordination hall in the Northeast or Isan region. The striking structure commonly called 'Sim Mai' is located in Wat Charoen Song Tham in Ban Don Po. It is a wooden hall in a compact size; its width and length are nearly the same. The high open roof makes it cool inside. Beautiful woodcarvings can be seen on the roof and the gable, especially elaborately carved figures of garuda and naga.



Village of Khla-stem Woven Sticky Rice Containers

Village of Khla-stem Woven Sticky Rice Containers A commonly-seen Kratip or a container

for long keeping steamed sticky rice is a work from local wisdom in Ban Huai Hok - Na Fai where villagers weave the container from stems of Khla (Maranta). Visitors are invited to buy the best quality Kratip and enjoy a warm welcome at the village of Ban Hok - Na Fai.

To get there: Take the Si Bun Rueang - Phu Wiang Highway to Km 8 where the village of Ban Huai Hok - Na Fai is located.

#### Pha Sam Yot



Pha Sam Yot Three mountains connected by the same ridge can be seen in the border area between Nong Bua Lam Phu and Loei

provinces. The range of the mountains which have not been officially surveyed is located in the village of Pha Suk. Although some areas are farmland of the villagers, the mountainous areas still have an abundance of nature and wildlife. There are more than 100 small and tiny caves with spectacular stalagmites and stalactites inside, and ancient human skeletons unearthed with belongings, and utensils.

To get there: From Amphoe Si Bunrueang, follow the route along Ban Nong Kung Kaeo, Tambon Ban Kho, for around 38 km.

# Attractions Amphoe Na Klang



#### Huai Rai Reservoir

It is a medium-size reservoir located in Ban Sa Kaeo Mu 9,

Tambon Dong Sawan. It has crystal clear water and beautiful scenery, especially in the cool season when yellow blossoms of home - grown Po Thueang (Indian hemp) can be seen. Tour rafts with a steering wheel, a unique invention by local wisdom, and food are available.

To get there: Take the highway from Nong Bua Lam Phu to Na Klang and turn right to Ban Sa Kaeo for around 20 km.



## Ban Kut Hae Silk Weaving Group

This is a centre of excellent OTOP silk products. It is strongly recommended for silk admirers to see silk in different Khit patterns, such as Lai Dok Phikun,

Lai Hua Nak, Lai Kunchae Chin, and Lai Inthawa.

To get there: Take Highway 210 (Udon Thani - Loei) from Nong Bua Lam Phu town to the Na Klang District Office for around 35 km. Then, go further to Ban Nong Dan for 2 km and turn right to Ban Kut Hae for around 3 km.





### Wat Pa Phu Noi

It is a temple on an area of 100 rai of land. Interesting things here include

the Lord Buddha's footprint, and eight groups of ancient boundary stones with inscriptions and carving in a unique style.

To get there: Take Highway 210 (Udon Thani - Loei) to the Municipality of Tambon Na Klang and turn left for approximately another 1.5 km.





#### Tham Pha Cho

It is a cave on the outstanding granite mountain on the Udon Thani

- Loei highway. This very beautiful viewpoint overlooks the overall scenery of Amphoe Na Wang. The beauty of nature can be seen in the cave. There is also an abyss awaiting explorers.

To get there: Take Highway 210 (Udon Thani - Loei). The cave is 40 km from the town of Nong Bua Lam Phu.



## Huai Pha Wang Reservoir

It is an important medium - size reservoir. The place lies in a tranquil and relaxing atmosphere.

There are rafts which are controlled by rope to go far in the middle of the reservoir. Tasty food is available for visitors and nature lovers.

To get there: Take Highway 210 (Udon Thani - Loei). The reservoir is 45 km from the town of Nong Bua Lam Phu.



#### Tham Erawan

Tham Erawan is a large cave. A flight of more than 600 stairs leads the winding way up from the foot of the hill to the mouth of the cave. A giant Buddha image in front of the cave can be sighted in the distance. Inside is a spacious chamber, which is referred in a folk tale of 'Nang Phom Hom,' literally meaning a woman who has fragrant hair. There are very beautiful stalagmites and

stalactites. The cave is located in Amphoe Na Wang on Highway 210 (Nong Bua Lam Phu - Loei) at Km 13, about 45 km from the town of Nong Bua Lam Phu. Then, take a right turn from the main road for another 2 km. Alternatively, it can be reached by bus on the Nong Bua Lam Phu - Loei route.